

A. H. Geissler Brutally Assaulted and Rendered Unconscious

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST—Oklahoma: Saturday and Sunday fair.
Tulsa, Feb. 18.—The temperature: Maximum 55, minimum 35. North winds and clear.

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PROSPERITY TALK

Another ten-story building for Tulsa. This time the vacant lot at the corner of Fourth and Main will be decorated with a modern downtown office building.

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OKLAHOMA SOLONS STAGE BATTLE OVER RADICAL ELECTION LAW

LIE PASSED AND DEMOCRATIC THUGS LEAD DASTARDLY ASSAULT ON MINORITY MEMBERS

Several Injured When Republicans Seek Fairness in Passing New Election Law.

"NEARER MY GOD TO THEE" BRINGS PEACE

Cowardly Combatants Give Boquet of Flowers to Bryant for Attack on State G. O. P. Chairman

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 18.—Following turbulent scenes in the Oklahoma house of representatives this afternoon Arthur H. Geissler, state chairman of the Republican party, was knocked down and rendered unconscious by Representative Loris E. Bryant of Osage county.

The riot occurred during the debate on the Democratic election registration law, and was precipitated when the lie was passed between Representatives Sams, Republican, of Nowata and Representative Paul Nesbitt, Democrat, of McAlester.

Several Democrats held Sams while Representative Durant, Democratic leader in the house, pummelled his face with his fists.

Women spectators were forced to dodge ink wells and other missiles that swished through the air, first from one side and then the other.

A bottle thrown by Representative Ramsey barely missed the head of Representative Acton. Had it hit him there might have been a more serious turn to the incident.

Tonight Geissler is at his home, conscious, but suffering much pain. Representative Sams is not seriously injured, although the flesh on his face was badly cut.

Passed the Law.

The election law that caused the riot was finally passed by two votes more than a constitutional majority. The Republicans, with the aid of a few Democrats, succeeded in keeping the emergency clause off, and this will give them time in which to file petitions for submitting the measure to a vote of the people. Once it comes to a vote there is no doubt but that it will be rejected.

When the registration law was called up this afternoon Testerman and Sams, Republicans, offered some amendments. On motion of members of the majority they were promptly tabled. Representative Sams and Dickerson, Republicans, and McLemore, Socialist, talked against the proposed law. They pointed out what they believed to be unfair features of the law, and declared that it would, if enforced, disfranchise many voters. They pointed to the fact that not a single request had come for the passage of such a law, while many thousand petitions had been received asking the legislature not to pass any registration law at all.

It was shown that about 2,600 new officers would be appointed in the state, under the terms of the bill, and as a matter of economy, which the majority had been so zealous about, it would cost several thousand dollars to make the registration such as contemplated in the measure.

Nesbitt Talked.

Representative Nesbitt, one of the radical, hide-bound Democrats in the house, made a vigorous talk in favor of the proposed law, and during his remarks bitterly denounced the action that had been taken against certain Democratic election officials in the state.

The words "elections crooks" were used in a crossfire of questions and were between Representatives Nesbitt and Sams. Both were vehement in their queries and replies to each other and finally Nesbitt turned toward Sams and said:

"I lived in the state of Ohio, where your party was in power, and under Republican rule was subjected to all

New Law Proposed by Democratic Misrule to Take the Place of the Nefarious "Grandfather" Clause

Following is the "grandfather clause" that will be submitted to the voters of the state for adoption or rejection at a special election to be held on the second Tuesday in next August. The joint resolution submitting the proposed constitutional amendment to a vote of the people was passed finally by the house of representatives at Oklahoma City yesterday. It is intended to take the place of the former nefarious "clause" that was knocked out by the supreme court of the United States. This is not the measure, however, that precipitated yesterday's fight in the legislature. The proposed amendment follows:

"No property qualification shall ever be imposed as a requisite for registration or voting in this state, and any other qualification for registration or voting which may hereafter be prescribed by the legislature or the people of this state shall conform to the constitution of the United States, and the amendments thereto, and the right of no citizen of this state to vote shall ever be denied or abridged on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

"No person shall be registered as an elector of this state or be allowed to vote, or be eligible to hold office under the constitution and laws of this state unless he be able to read and write any section of the constitution of the state of Oklahoma, but no person who, prior to the adoption of this provision, served in the land or naval forces of the United States in the wars with Mexico, or on either side in the wars with the Indian tribes located within the United States, or on either side in the civil war, or in the war with Spain, or in the national guard or militia, or in the land or naval forces of any foreign nation, or any state of the United States, and all lawful descendants of any such person, and of those that served on the side of the colonies in the American revolution and in the land or naval forces of the United States in the war of 1812, or any person prevented by physical disability from complying with such test shall be denied the right to register and vote because of his inability to so read and write sections of such constitution. Precinct election inspectors or other officers having in charge the registration of electors shall enforce the provisions of this section at the time of registration, provided registration be required, should registration be dispensed with, the provisions of this section shall be enforced by the precinct election officers when electors apply for ballots to vote; provided, that it is intended that no part of this provision or section shall conflict with the provisions of the constitution of the United States, and shall accordingly be adopted and become effective."

Speech That Aroused Democrats and Resulted in a Wild Riot in the Home of Representatives Friday

The attitude of the Republican members of the house of representatives on the election law passed yesterday, which caused the legislative riot, was best expressed in a speech by Republican Floor Leader Tom Testerman, who said among other things:

"The chief objection of this bill lies in sections 4 and 5 by placing the privilege of franchise into the hands of the precinct registrar without placing a penalty upon him for failing to register all of the qualified electors of his precinct.

"It specifies a time for registration at a season of the year when the farmers and all laborers are engaged in the various avocations and gives a period of only ten days in which they may be registered by making application to the precinct registrar, without defining a place where he may be found or compelling him to establish any permanent place or hours where he may be found during these ten days, but simply says that it is his duty to register them, thereby placing a hardship and an inconvenience upon the voter of availing himself of one of the greatest rights of American citizenship.

Registrar Supreme.

"This bill does not provide any method whereby a man can force his registration upon the registrar, although he might be a resident of the precinct, county and state for the past twenty years. It leaves the matter solely to the option and judgment of the registration officer whether or not he registers the voter when he makes application according to the provisions written herein.

"This bill provides that in case the voter is absent from the state during this registration period of ten days, he may make application to the registrar up to and including the thirtieth day of June, who will register him, provided he is satisfied that such voter was absent from the precinct, or was unable to request his registration in person, or in other words, provided the precinct registrar regards him as a desirable voter. Such a provision is an insult in its infancy, to say the least, to the business man and laborer of any state who are endeavoring to gain a livelihood by honest labor.

Result Is Certain.

"You may be able to avert the revolt that has been gradually approaching, caused by this continued effort to pass an unfair election law, for a short time, but I can hear in the distance the rumbling of distant thunder and can see the faint glare of lightning upon the brow of the approaching storm, which this measure will cause to sweep down and wipe out Democracy from the control of this state, as it should do, when such law as this is passed for the purpose of thwarting the will of the majority of the people.

"The result of such as this can only be compared to the results of Diaz rule in Mexico, which after a long continued term of disfranchisement and oppression there, broke forth an open revolt of civil war and strife which has almost wiped the republic of Mexico from the map, as would be the result in this, our nation, were such a law as this enacted in the majority of the states of this union."

HOUSE AMENDS BANK MEASURE; MAY NOT PASS IT

But Little Chance for Adjournment of Session Today.

MONEY BILL MAY NEVER BE PASSED

Highway Bill Goes Through Allowing Counties to Make Levies.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 18.—When the house today passed the senate usury bill with amendments so drastic that it is practically certain the upper branch will not agree to them, it became apparent that there is little chance for the legislature to adjourn its extraordinary session Saturday, the day tentatively set.

Following the action of the house today in attaching to the senate measure the drastic amendments it was freely predicted that there would be no usury law passed at this session. However, an effort will be made for the house and senate to get together on some kind of measure.

The house today passed the main highway bill, which allows counties to make levies for road construction, work and remedies defects in the highway laws passed last winter.

Placing the emergency on bills that had been passed Thursday and the final passage of the usury bill approving a extra \$3,000 for the pay of the clerical employees of the legislature occupied the attention of the senate this morning. The house did not meet until 1 o'clock. The morning was spent by that branch caucusing on the usury and election laws.

The senate placed the emergency on the bill providing for the appointment of a consulting engineer where counties have voted bonds for permanent state roads; the bill validating certain ad valorem tax levies for the year 1915; the bill which adds the superintendent of the institute for feeble minded to the state lunacy commission, and to the bill relating to roads and bridges, which allowed county commissioners to issue bonds

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FIVE ALLEGED NIGHT RIDERS DISMISSED

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.
SALISLAW, Okla., Feb. 18.—Five of the fifteen men who were arrested on Monday, charged with being implicated in the night rider assault on George Shamblin at Muldrow, were discharged today after the preliminary hearing was adjourned until March 1. The entire day was spent in taking testimony. All of the defendants claimed an alibi. Joe Bailey Allen, county attorney, stated at the close of the hearing that the evidence was not as strong as he wanted before going into the district court with the cases.

CLOSES THE DALLAS HEARING.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Probing Pass Bill.
DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 18.—Special Examiner R. T. Eddy of the interstate commerce commission closed his investigation in Dallas late today into the question of railroads granting annual passes to shippers through their appointment as railroad directors. He will resume his inquiry at Amarillo, Texas, Monday.

The burden of the testimony has indicated that Texas railroads generally have practiced the appointment of business men who are large shippers into their directorates, such business men in return receiving free passes as railroad directors.

Another Highway Meeting.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Representatives from the hill counties of Mississippi who were successful yesterday in having the Jefferson Davis highway convention endorse their claims for the route of the highway met again today and decided to call another meeting of the association at Grenada, Miss., March 2. Details of the proposed route from Memphis to Grenada will be decided at that time. There is no contest over that section south from Grenada.

BRUTALLY ATTACKED IN THE LEGISLATURE



ARTHUR H. GEISSLER, Chairman of the Republican state central committee, who was brutally assaulted by Representative Loris E. Bryant of Osage county in the house of representatives yesterday, following a riotous scene over the enactment of a Democratic election law.

CRIMINAL POLITICS

The series of political outrages that have been perpetrated by the Democratic majority in the Oklahoma state legislature come to a climax yesterday when, in their desperation, the Democratic leaders in the house of representatives turned thugs and brutally assaulted and engaged in fistie combat with those who were striving to prevent the passage of one of the most iniquitous partisan measures ever conceived.

The day of criminal politics in Oklahoma is ending. Yesterday's disgraceful exhibition will cost the Democratic party what few supporters among the honest people of the state it has left.

When lawmakers become thugs and engage in fistie combat to strangle men who are brave enough to speak out in the interests of the great mass of citizens in Oklahoma they should be given their just desert. A legislator who would assault a man solely because that man happens to be the titular head of the opposite political party, is no better than a common footpad. In committing such an act he violates the laws of the state and he should be placed in a felon's stripes. And the men who present him with a bouquet of flowers in laudation of his cowardly act are not as good as him—for they shrink from performing the dirty deed themselves like the skunks that they are.

What happened yesterday was only the surface of it. It is no worse than countless other outrages in the past that have been committed by Democratic members of the legislature in secret. Like the thief in the night they have stolen from the people of this commonwealth the rights and liberties that were granted them by the constitution of the United States. Finally their depredations became so brazen and hold that the Republican contingent could no longer control its emotions, and a spade was called a spade. In return for that they were brutally attacked by men whose mental superiors are serving time in the penitentiaries of the land for murder or worse.

The people of Oklahoma have been warned time and time again that they were being cheated, that they were being betrayed by a bunch of political highlanders, compared to whom Judas Iscariot was a saint.

If this last outrage does not serve to awaken them to the point where they will wipe Democratic gang-rule and thuggery out of existence, they will have no one to blame but themselves. But the people know, they are not altogether blind, and when the time comes they will wipe from the escutcheon of their state the stains of chicanery and crime that have been placed there by Democratic members of the Oklahoma legislature.

The lesson Republicans should learn from this disgraceful proceeding on the part of the Democratic party is to first get a new deal in their own party and put at its head men who will not only command the respect and confidence of their own party, but will inspire the support and confidence of all good citizens, and if they do this there is no power on earth that will prevent them from gaining control of this state at the next election.

LONG-PENDING TREATY PASSED BY THE SENATE

By a Vote of Fifty-five to Eighteen Nicaraguan Act Is Passed.

FIVE DEMOCRATS ON RECORD AGAINST IT

Option on Canal Route and Right of Naval Base Are Features.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The senate late today by a vote of 55 to 18 ratified the long pending and persistently opposed Nicaraguan treaty, whereby the United States would acquire a 99-year option on the Nicaraguan canal route and a naval base in the Gulf of Fonseca for \$2,000,000.

Included in the ratification resolution was a provision declaring that the United States in obtaining the naval base does not intend to violate any existing rights in the Fonseca gulf of Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador which had protested against the proposed acquisition.

Five Democratic senators voted against the treaty. There were Chamberlain, Martine, Clarke of Arkansas, Thomas and Vardaman. Republicans who voted against ratification were Borah, Chapp, Cummings, Gronna, Jones, Kenyon, LaFollette, McCumber, Nelson, Norris, Smith of Michigan, Smoot and Warren. Fifteen Republican senators joined the administration forces in support of the treaty. They were Brandegee, Calt, Dugan, Ham, Dupont, Fall, Gallinger, Harding, Lippitt, Lodge, McLean, Page, Poindexter, Sutherland, Wadsworth and Weeks. Immediately after the senate had acted Senator Chamorro, of the Nicaraguan minister, said he would at once communicate with his government and that he expected ratification of the convention by his government would soon follow and exchanges made to put the treaty in force.

Treaty Provisions.

Provisions of the treaty, which has been pending before the senate for more than two years, are as follows: Article 1.—The government of Nicaragua grants in perpetuity to the government of the United States, forever free from all taxation or other

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DISGRACE TO ANY STATE--PARKINSON

Yesterday's Incident Shows Need of New State Control.

GAIN Oklahoma has been pictured to the nation as a state where Democratic corruption and bossism has held sway for years, and yesterday's disgraceful demonstration in the legislature shows the kind of men elected to make the laws for us. They break the laws that a man of the street would be punished for and still think pose as exponents of honesty and integrity. They break the laws and then make new ones.

This was the statement of Frank A. Parkinson of Lawton, when he came to Tulsa last night on a short business trip. "We can now see clearly the necessity for a change of administration," he continued. "The Democrats have had control too long now. The Republicans will get together at the next state convention on March 22 by electing Jim McGraw national committeeman and will be in a position to redeem the state from the present misrule."

"The necessity for a 'new deal' in Republican ranks has been clearly demonstrated. Jim Harris' affiliation with Alva McDonald has resulted in lack of trust among Republicans throughout the state. In Comanche county the announcement of McGraw for committeeman was welcomed and it is certain that he will find almost unanimous support from all western

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